

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-46 are pending, with claims 1, 28, 42, and 44 being independent. Claim 9 is canceled by this amendment without waiver or prejudice.

Claims 1-35 and 37-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodnar (6,544,295).

This response first addresses the rejection with respect to claims 1-27, then claims 28-35 and 37-41, then claims 42 and 43, and finally claims 44-46.

Claims 1-27

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102(e) rejection by amending independent claim 1 to incorporate the feature recited in dependent claim 9. Claim 9 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot with respect to claim 9.

As amended, claim 1 recites a method of managing navigation information in a computer application that includes, among other features, establishing a global context that can communicate with a plurality of resources, where each resource resides in an associated local context. State information is communicated from one or more of the local contexts to the global context and global navigation information is maintained based on the communicated state information. The global navigation information includes state information for a global-context history list presented to a user of the computer application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest the global navigation information includes state information for a global-context history list presented to a user of the computer application.

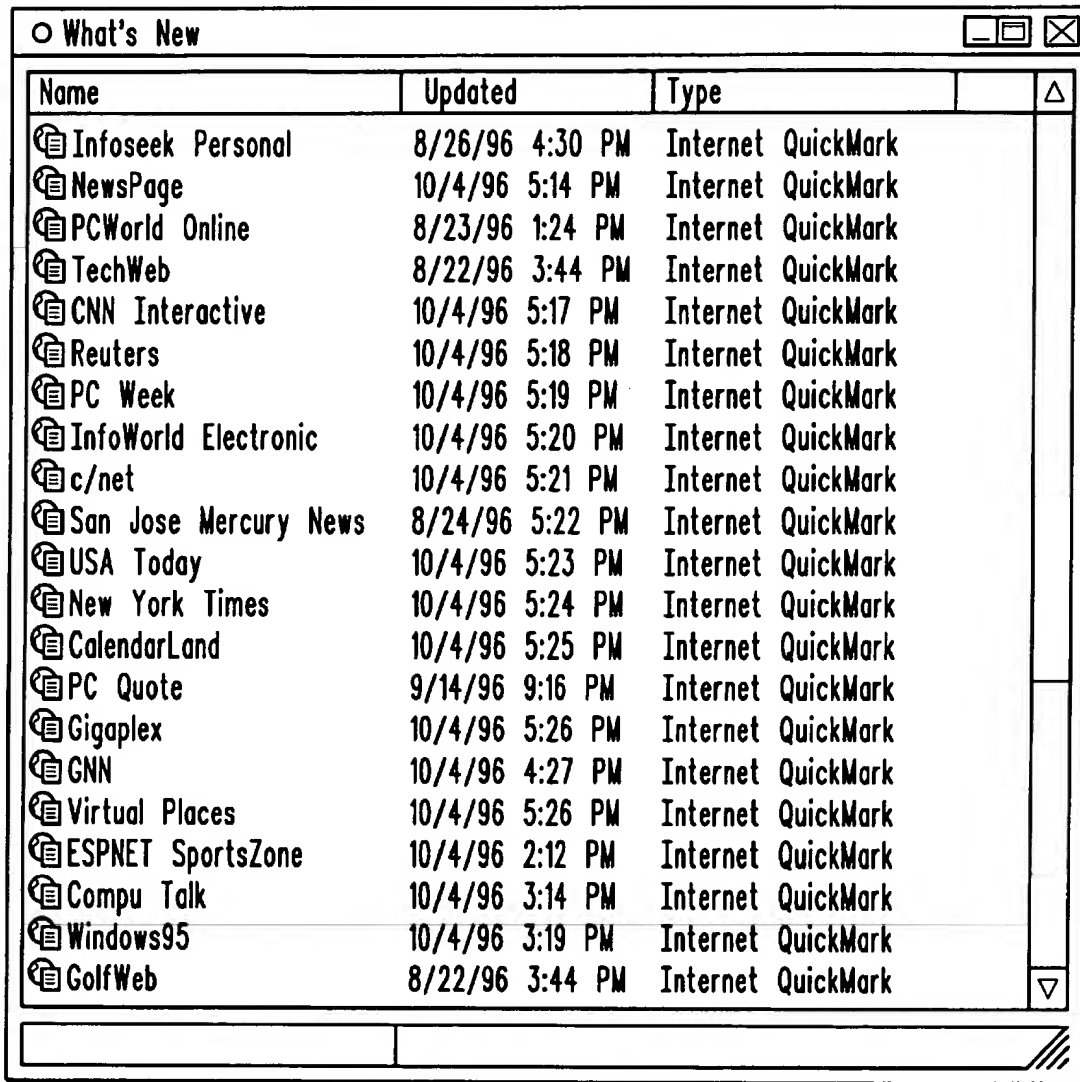
The Office Action indicates that:

"'Maintaining global navigation information based on the communicated state information' only means maintaining these URLs in the Web browser's favorite Quick mark" See Final Office Action page 11, lines 8-10.

According to the Examiner's reasoning, Bodnar meets the claimed global navigation information through its disclosure of a web browser's favorite Quick marks. However, as amended to incorporate the previously dependent limitations of claim 9, claim 1 now requires the global

navigation information to include state information for a global-context history list presented to a user of the computer application, the maintenance of which on a global level is neither disclosed nor supported by Bodnar.

Notably, the Office Action relies upon Fig. 7 of Bodnar to reject the limitations of previously dependent claim 9, which is now incorporated into amended independent claim 1. However, Fig. 7 does not describe or suggest that the global navigation information includes state information for a global-context history list presented to the user. Fig. 7 of Bodnar is provided below for convenience:



The screenshot shows a window titled "What's New" with a table of updated QuickMark items. The table has three columns: "Name", "Updated", and "Type". Each item in the "Name" column is preceded by a small icon representing a document or folder. The "Updated" column shows the date and time of the last update. The "Type" column indicates that all items are "Internet QuickMark".

Name	Updated	Type
Infoseek Personal	8/26/96 4:30 PM	Internet QuickMark
NewsPage	10/4/96 5:14 PM	Internet QuickMark
PCWorld Online	8/23/96 1:24 PM	Internet QuickMark
TechWeb	8/22/96 3:44 PM	Internet QuickMark
CNN Interactive	10/4/96 5:17 PM	Internet QuickMark
Reuters	10/4/96 5:18 PM	Internet QuickMark
PC Week	10/4/96 5:19 PM	Internet QuickMark
InfoWorld Electronic	10/4/96 5:20 PM	Internet QuickMark
c/net	10/4/96 5:21 PM	Internet QuickMark
San Jose Mercury News	8/24/96 5:22 PM	Internet QuickMark
USA Today	10/4/96 5:23 PM	Internet QuickMark
New York Times	10/4/96 5:24 PM	Internet QuickMark
CalendarLand	10/4/96 5:25 PM	Internet QuickMark
PC Quote	9/14/96 9:16 PM	Internet QuickMark
Gigaplex	10/4/96 5:26 PM	Internet QuickMark
GNN	10/4/96 4:27 PM	Internet QuickMark
Virtual Places	10/4/96 5:26 PM	Internet QuickMark
ESPNET SportsZone	10/4/96 2:12 PM	Internet QuickMark
Compu Talk	10/4/96 3:14 PM	Internet QuickMark
Windows95	10/4/96 3:19 PM	Internet QuickMark
GolfWeb	8/22/96 3:44 PM	Internet QuickMark

In fact, Fig. 7 does not illustrate a global-context history list. Instead, Fig. 7 illustrates the user-specified Quick marks that were added by the user and the date they were updated. Fig. 7 merely shows the date on which the Quick marks item was updated. The fact that the Quick marks item was updated on a particular date does not mean that the particular resource is part of the global navigation information that includes a global-context history list. Fig. 7 is not showing a navigation history list at all but instead shows a history of when items were updated to enable quick access to their favorite sites. Fig. 7 is merely a list that is the same as the

bookmarked favorites in a web browser and it does not illustrate or suggest a global-context history list indicative of global navigation information.

The text corresponding to Fig. 7 supports this reasoning that Fig. 7 does not illustrate a history list as can be seen from the text provided below:

To view a list of the Quick marks items that have most recently been tagged as new or removed, the user clicks the "What's New" button. As illustrated in FIG. 7, the system periodically scans the user-specified Quick marks and displays a list of new and removed items. Updated items are marked with a starburst; removed items, such as a discontinued Web site, are marked with an X. The user can customize how frequently the system checks the user's Quick marks and whether the user is notified with an alarm when an item changes. Bodnar, col. 10, line 62 to col. 11, line 4.

Moreover, the Quick marks listed in Fig. 7 are not a history list because the Quick marks are listed in random date/time order. There is no organization by date/time that a history list would likely include. Instead, the list of Quick marks is the same as a list of bookmarked favorites. The date/time indication seems merely to suggest when the Quick mark was last updated.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-8 and 10-27.

Claims 28-35 and 37-41

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102(e) rejection with respect to claim 28 and its dependent claims.

Claim 28 recites a method of managing a history list in a computer application that includes, among other features, receiving state information from a plurality of independent resources, where each resource resides in an associated local context. Based on the received state information, a history of resources accessed by users of the computer application is maintained and a global-context history list representative of an order in which the resources were accessed is presented. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest maintaining a history of resources

accessed by user of the computer application. Also, Bodnar fails to describe or suggest presenting a global-context history list representative of an order in which the resources were accessed.

Notably, the Office Action relies upon Fig. 7 of Bodnar to illustrate that a history of resources is maintained and a global-context history is presented. However, Fig. 7 does not describe or suggest a history of resources accessed by the user in an order that the resources were accessed. In fact, Fig. 7 does not illustrate a history of accesses. Instead, Fig. 7 illustrates the user-specified Quick marks that were added by the user and the date they were updated. Fig. 7 does not illustrate a history of resources accessed by the user and it does not illustrate a global-context history list representative of an order in which the resources were accessed. Fig. 7 merely shows the date on which the Quick marks item was updated. The fact that the Quick marks item was updated on a particular date does not mean that the particular resource was accessed by a user of the computer application. Fig. 7 is not showing a history of access at all but instead shows a history of when items were updated to enable quick access to their favorite sites.

Moreover, the Quick marks listed in Fig. 7 are not a history list of representative of an order of accesses by the user, as claimed, because the Quick marks are in random date/time order. There is no organization by date/time that a history list would likely include. Instead, the list of Quick marks is the same as a list of bookmarked favorites. The date/time indication seems merely to suggest when the Quick mark was last updated.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 28, and its dependent claims 29-35 and 37-41.

Claims 42 and 43

Applicants have obviated the rejection by amending independent claim 42.

As amended, claim 42 recites a software application environment that includes, among other features, an application capable of communicating with each of a plurality of local context resources and maintaining a global-context navigation information based on state information

received from one or more of the resources. A navigation mechanism enables a user of the application to move among the resources based on the global-context navigation information, where the global-context navigation information includes state information for a global-context history list presented to the user of the application.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Bodnar fails to describe or suggest that the global-context navigation information includes state information for a global-context history list.

For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 42 and its dependent claim 43.

Claims 44-46

Applicants have obviated the rejection by amending independent claim 44.

As amended, claim 44 recites software, stored on a computer-readable medium including instructions for causing a computer system to establish a global context that can communicate with a plurality of resources where each resource resides in an associated local context. State information from one or more of the local contexts is communicated to the global context. Global navigation and history information is maintained based on the communicated state information.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Bodnar fails to describe or suggest that history information is maintained based on communicated state information from the local contexts to the global context.

For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 44 and its dependent claims 45 and 46.

Claim 36

Claim 36, which depends from claim 28, stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodnar. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest the features of claim 28.

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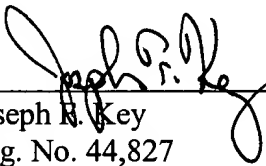
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No fees are believed to be due. However, during the pendency of this case, please apply any deficiencies or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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